



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

July 7, 2006

Ms. Kathleen Peterson



Las Vegas, NV 89130

Dear Ms. Peterson:

Thank you for your letter and recommendations of June 19, 2006. I value the input received from the Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board and have been impressed by willingness of the members to tackle some of the difficult issues that face the Environmental Management program.

Your recommendation concerning incorporating lessons learned from past site closures into future site closure plans and activities is a case in point. Your review of closure activities and your recommendations are extremely valuable.

I have asked Dr. Inés Triay, Chief Operating Officer, to ensure that your recommendations are considered and incorporated where appropriate in the development of future closure plans.

I look forward to visiting with you again at your next Chairs' meeting in September in Santa Fe. If you have any further questions, please contact me or Ms. Melissa A. Nielson, Director of Public & Intergovernmental Accountability, at (202) 586-0356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "James A. Rispoli".

James A. Rispoli
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

cc:
Inés Triay, EM-3